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In re application of

Kehsing J. CHOU, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/399,682

Group Art Unit: 2172

Confirmation No.: 2544

Examiner: NGUYEN, Tam V.

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For: ARCHITECTURE TO ENABLE SEARCH GATEWAYS AS PART OF FEDERATED
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following remarks are provided in response to the Office Action dated May 23, 2002.

REMARKS.

General remarks.

Claims 1-21 are all the claims pending in the application. The only remaining grounds for objection / rejection are prior art rejections of the claims. Applicant discusses each rejection in turn below. The Examiner's kind and careful reconsideration of the outstanding prior art rejections is respectfully solicited in view of the points now discussed.

The rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 6-10, 13-17, and 20-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Subramaniam et al. (US 5859972). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, first with respect to independent claim 1, in view of its requirements for: